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- Individual first aid packets were issued to personnel during wartime; however, during peacetime the packets were kept in the Medical Section (Sanchast). The number of individual first aid packets that were kept in the Sanchast was equal to the number of personnel in the unit that the Sanchast supported. The approximate dimensions of the individual first aid packet were as follows:

Length: 12 cm.  
Width: 8 cm.  
Thickness: 3 cm.

- The outer covering of the packet was made of a rubberized cloth to keep the contents waterproof and sterilized. The contents of the packet consisted of: a sterilized bandage approximately three meters long and eight centimeters wide; and two sterilized pads each approximately eight centimeters square. Of the latter two, one was sewn to the end of the bandage, the other was attached to the bandage in such a manner that it could be moved from one end of the bandage

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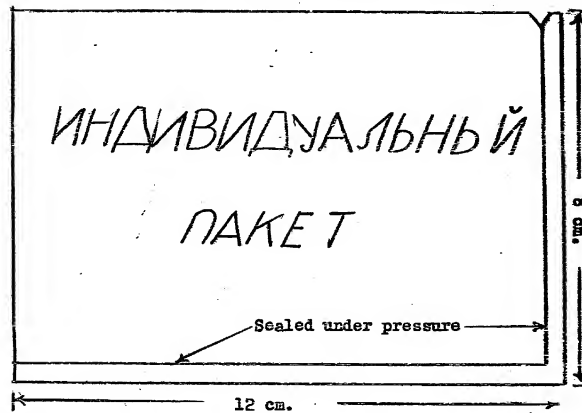
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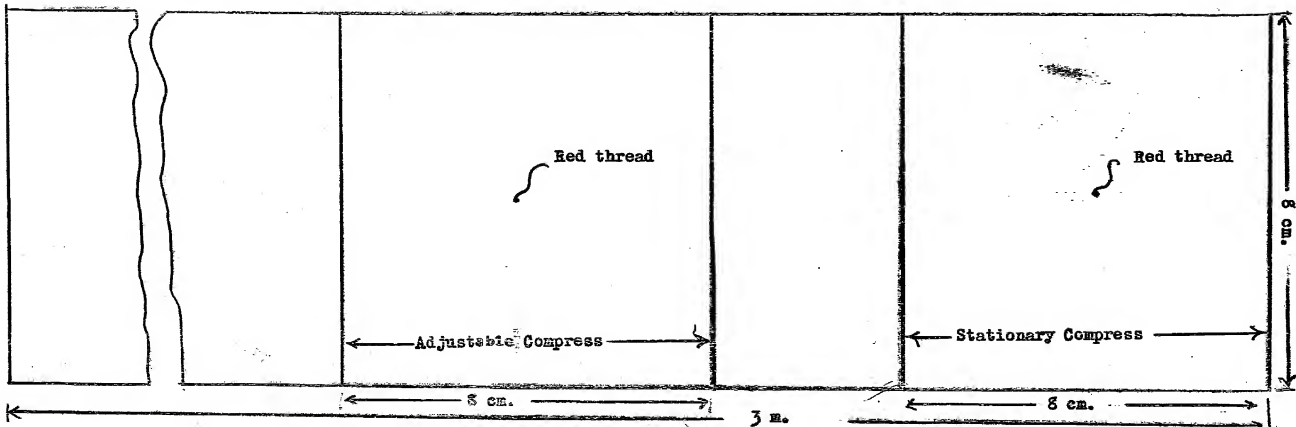
to the other. The pads had red thread sewn to one side indicating to the user which side could be handled; the opposite side of the pads would then be placed against the wound. The sterilized bandage and pads were wrapped in an oil-treated paper to further safeguard their waterproofing and sterilization. Also included in the packet's contents was a sterilized safety pin to be used in fastening the bandage after it had been wrapped about the wound. The rubberized outside covering had a wedge-shaped cut at one end of the packet. This cut was provided to facilitate tearing open the packet. Two sides of the packet were glued shut by applying a special type of adhesive material and pressure. The packet left the factory for use by the Armed Forces in an air-tight and waterproof condition with the contents of the packet sterilized. I know that when I returned to active duty [ ] there was a surplus of the individual packets in the Sanchasts in which I served. Although these packets were supposed to be used only in time of emergency (Neprikosnovenniy Zapas Meditsinskogo Imushchestva) they were freely used at all times. There was no specified method of carrying the packets or of attaching them to the equipment of personnel in time of war; the individual simply carried the packet in a pocket or in the most convenient manner.

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Enclosure A. Individual First Aid Packet

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